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What It Means.

After twenty years of defeat and disappointment the party of Jefferson and Jackson is once more in power. It is needless for either of the leaders of the opposition to point an accusing finger at the other as the cause of republican defeat and democratic triumph. It is equally useless for the friends of civil democratic leaders to attempt to give greater credit to one than to another.

The matter of fact is that it is a triumph of principles and not merely of a party, of measures and not of men. Here that a century since Thomas Jefferson founded the democratic party and founded as the keystone of its creed and conclusion of faith, the touchstone of all public measures and policies—Equal and exact justice to all men, and exclusive privilege to none.

It would be a foolish boast and bold pretence to claim that in that century of time, no bad or selfish men had found shelter in her ranks. To so contend would be to say that a political party has been purer than the church.

But even as the church has from time to time purified itself of the hypocrite and false prophet and then gone forward in the fulfillment of its mission; just so has the party of the people rooted out such as have shown a desire to have it serve only selfish and corrupt ends, and a rising anew from the defeat that such leaders have sometimes entailed, has demonstrated again and again that "Truth crushed to the earth will rise again,"—the eternal years of God are hers;—and despite the slander of her enemies, the throes of war and the discouragement of defeat and disaster, she has marched undaunted down the years to her glorious destiny.

It means that once more a sovereign people have taken into their own hands the reins of government and are determined that it shall be run in the interest of all the people and not for a favored few at the expense of all the rest.

CHIPS FROM BULGIN'S AXE.

God demands the christian life of every man on penalty of death and if He has demanded an impossibility of you He is an unjust God.

Another says "I'm as good as some church members now." Yes, you are as good as some. Are you as good as the best of them? No, you mean you are as good as those who are in the church, but are not living right. What are they? Hypocrites. A hypocrite is the meanest man in the world, doubly mean. He's mean for being mean and mean for hiding his meanness under the cloak of church membership. What are you saying? Let me alone Bulgin, I'm as good as the meanest man in the world. Pretty, isn't it?

God pity you if you are not a good deal better than some church members I know.

A lot of you folks make an awful howl about hypocrites in the church and you say you don't come to the Lord because of them and stay out of the church and yet you accept these folks socially and in business and half of you are in the lodges with them. Hey, you are lying, honey.

You're got thieving bankers and quack doctors and dirty lodge members, but does that argue that we should never go to a bank or call a doctor or that we should say all lodges are bad? No. Well, treat the church of God as fairly as that.

If men are to live moral lives they must come into harmony with God, the source of all morals.

"My case is different Bulgin," says another, "I would like to be a christian, but I'm afraid I can't hold out." Well, let God hold you out. Suppose you had said that to the girl you wanted to marry. She'd have spurned you. If God can forgive all the sins of your past life He can forgive any sin you may commit in the future provided you bring the sin to Him and ask Him to do so. If you start the christian

life and fall down just get up again. The only sinner a God has contempt for is the fellow who is down and won't get up.

Well, Bulgin, I want to be a christian but I don't feel like it. No wonder. You haven't anything to feel. I've taken many a dose of medicine when I didn't feel like it.

Another says, "I want to be a christian but I'm not good enough." I know you are not, but He will wipe away your sin and make you good enough. You might just as well say you'd like to call a doctor but you are not well enough. Jesus is the great physician. Let Him take your case.

"The Shepherd of The Hills."

Occasionally some play strikes a note that rings out clear and true in the midst of the commonplace, and impresses its auditor with the thought that it was written not for gain, not for just fame, but because some man had something to say to other men and he took this means of expression.

"The Shepherd of the Hills," Harold Bell Wright's dramatization of his novel of the same name, is the kind of a play. Mr. Wright had felt within his soul the peace and beauty of the hills and he wanted to set down their meaning before him. He made a play that is not in compelling, one that never fails in sincerity. The people who move in it are so human that the auditor will pick them out for like and dislike as if he really knows them.

There is the shepherd, the man who came to the hills to learn, and remained to teach; Old Matt, who cherished the memory of a wrong that could never be righted; Young Matt, a Hercules of the hills country, whose strength of heart and soul equaled the strength of his body; Sammy Lane, bright and buoyant with the youth of the hill country, and the other quaint characters that enliven the play with humor.

The scene of the play is in the high hills of the Ozark mountains. The mists of the valleys, the glories of the sunsets, the magnificent vistas from the summits have been brought out by the wonderful ingenuity of the scenic artist and electrician's craft. It is the spirit of the land that Mr. Wright has caught that makes the play one that is unique and one that will stand in a field of its own.

"The Shepherd of the Hills," will be the attraction at the Grand theatre Saturday, Dec. 1th.

The enormous popularity of the Harold Bell Wright novels indicates that the engagement of this his first play will prove a great popular success.

A Local Cartoonist.

One night last week, during the course of Dr. Bulgin's sermon he said he was sorry he was not an artist when he thought of the church members of Vinita, for he would like to make a cartoon of each of the ministers to show how the church was supporting them. He then pictured each one in attitudes representative of their individual struggles. A few evenings later a roll was handed the doctor and opening it he found two cartoons, perfectly drawn, giving his exact ideas of two of the ministers expressed before. The artist is Ralph Wolfe of this city a young man eighteen years old, and one who has remarkable talent for work of this kind. One of the cartoons pictured Rev. Roper with bent back, the perspiration dripping from his brow and evidences of care and fatigue written on his face. He was carrying the church building on his back. It was easy to see it was Rev. Roper and the church was faithfully drawn. The other represented Rev. Burger shouldering a heavy load of ardent worshippers who sang "There is a fountain filled with blood;" for the minister was represented as standing in a pool of water very muddy, with stepping stones marked "ungodliness," "non-support" and "unbelief." Above the heads of the people who stood in an ornamented vase to form the top, were notes in the air to represent the melody. This young man has done some work which is better than a great deal we see in city newspapers and he certainly has a future before him and will make a splendid success when he accepts a position in this line of work.

Dr. Oliver Bagby is a Missouri visitor.

Now For a Big Hunt.

A party of gentlemen will leave Tuesday for Tuskahoma for a big deer and Turkey hunt on Black Fork creek, which is a government reservation. The deer season will be open on the fifteenth and the boys will leave on the twelfth to be on hand the very first day. It is said there are plenty of deer and turkey in this reservation and the boys expect to have the time of their lives. The following will comprise the party: Lon Conner, John Hamilton, W. B. Buchanan, J. S. Thompson, W. B. Coley, H. E. Ridenhour, Freeman Nidiffer, Charley Goodpasture and G. H. Trot.

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No. 3 Alfalfa—Shall include bleached alfalfa, or alfalfa mixed with not to exceed one-fourth foreign grasses, but when mixed must be of fair color, sound and well baled.

No. Grade Alfalfa—Shall include all alfalfa not good enough for other grades, caked, musty, greasy or shriveled.

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No. 2 Tangled Rye Straw—Shall be reasonably clean, may be some stained, but not good enough for No. 1.

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